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**Subject:** One important facet of the settlement.

I am concerned with one aspect of Microsoft's behavior that has a serious negative effect on competition and angers me when I go computer shopping : MS using it's large market share to suppress competition by pressuring computer vendors into restrictive license agreements.

Please look into MS licensing requirements that prevent vendors from offering non-MSWIN machines or dual-boot machines ( machines that can boot either MSWIN or an alternative OS by a user's choice at startup ). This problem is common for desktops but is even more striking in the laptop market. I would like to purchase a laptop computer but every laptop on the market contains MSWIN. It is a fact that Linux can run on laptops. Why can't I buy a laptop w/o Windows and skip the license fee for something I don't want? Laptop vendors may say they don't want to sell a product w/o MSWIN but there have been rumors of MS pressure on vendors to not sell a competing OS.

Personally, I intend to cease purchasing MS products from this time forward and move everyone in my family to an open source OS like Linux. I want YOU to be sure that I can get hardware without paying a Microsoft TAX!

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